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TEXAS NONFARM JOBS INCREASE IN AUGUST

Statewide Jobless Rate Drops Slightly

Between July and August 1990, the actual Texas unemployment rate dropped from 6.3 percent to 5.9 percent–its lowest level since March. The number of jobless Texans declined to just over half a million in August, while total employment also dipped slightly over the month. Much of the decrease in both unemployment and total employment was due to seasonal factors. Many unsuccessful summer jobseekers withdrew from the labor force in August, and a sizeable number of seasonal jobs were cut as the summer wound to a close. The current unemployment rate of 5.9 percent was considerably below the August 1989 rate of 7.2 percent, when there were over 600,000 Texans looking for work.

The seasonally adjusted Texas unemployment rate fell from 6.2 percent in July to 5.9 percent in August–very much below the 7.3 percent rate recorded in August 1989. The actual U.S. rate fell slightly from 5.5 percent to 5.4 percent,while the U.S. seasonally adjusted rate rose from 5.5 percent in July to 5.6 percent in August. The year-ago national rates were 5.1 (actual) and 5.3 (seasonally adjusted).

Nonfarm Jobs Increase Seasonally

There were 6,000 more Nonfarm Salaried Jobs in Texas during August compared to July, as **Nonagricultural Wage and Salary Employment** totaled 6,936,300 in mid-August. Since August 1989, the number of Nonfarm Salaried Jobs has risen by 132,800.

Total **Nonmanufacturing** in Texas increased by 3,000 from July to August with 5,970,000 total jobs, as seasonal factors played a part in almost all of the changes.

The largest gain was in **Construction**, which rose by 2,900 jobs to a total of 330,700. This was 10,200 more jobs than in August 1989.

Wholesale and Retail Trade went up by 1,900 from July to August. The change from the year-ago figure of 1,694,800 represented an increase of 19,300 jobs. Retail Trade increased

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CIVILIAN LABOR FORCE ESTIMATES
(In Thousands)

	Aug.'90	July '90	Aug.'89
UNITED STATES (ACTUAL)			
Labor Force	126,011.0	126,899.0	125,444.0
Unemployment	6,837.0	6,945.0	6,352.0
Percent Unemployed	5.4%	5.5%	5.1%
Total Employment	119,174.0	119,954.0	119,092.0
UNITED STATES (SEASONALLY ADJUSTED)			
Labor Force	124,661.0	124,767.0	124,070.0
Unemployment	7,003.0	6,814.0	6,520.0
Percent Unemployed	5.6%	5.5%	5.3%
Total Employment	117,658.0	117,953.0	117,550.0
STATE OF TEXAS (ACTUAL)			
Labor Force	8,458.7	8,527.9	8,620.7
Unemployment	500.9	537.6	621.8
Percent Unemployed	5.9%	6.3%	7.2%
Total Employment	7,957.8	7,990.3	7,998.9
STATE OF TEXAS (SEASONALLY ADJUSTED)			
Labor Force	8,325.0	8,371.0	8,496.0
Unemployment	492.0	518.0	624.0
Percent Unemployed	5.9%	6.2%	7.3%
Total Employment	7,833.0	7,853.0	7,872.0

CIVILIAN LABOR FORCE ESTIMATES +
TEXAS METROPOLITAN STATISTICAL AREAS

	AUG.'90*	JULY'90**	AUG.'89**	AUG.'90*	JULY'90**	AUG.'89**	AUG.'90*	JULY'90**	AUG.'89**
	ABILENE			AMARILLO			AUSTIN		
Total Civilian Labor Force	51,300	52,500	53,100	97,300	98,300	100,200	425,300	428,300	436,500
Total Unemployment	3,200	4,200	3,800	4,500	5,200	5,900	19,200	21,100	26,000
Percent Unemployed	6.2%	8.0%	7.2%	4.6%	5.3%	5.9%	4.5%	4.9%	6.0%
Total Employment ++	48,100	48,300	49,300	92,800	93,100	94,300	406,100	407,200	410,500
	BEAUMONT-PORT ARTHUR			BRAZORIA			BROWNSVILLE-HARLINGEN		
Total Civilian Labor Force	164,600	166,100	166,800	87,700	88,200	87,900	108,200	109,900	107,400
Total Unemployment	12,100	13,000	15,500	4,700	5,100	6,500	11,700	12,600	14,000
Percent Unemployed	7.4%	7.8%	9.3%	5.4%	5.8%	7.4%	10.8%	11.5%	13.0%
Total Employment ++	152,500	153,100	151,300	83,000	83,100	81,400	96,500	97,300	93,400
	BRYAN-COLLEGE STATION			CORPUS CHRISTI			DALLAS***		
Total Civilian Labor Force	60,800	60,800	60,600	158,500	160,000	162,200	1,450.0	1,457.7	1,481.6
Total Unemployment	2,000	2,300	2,900	10,600	11,300	14,500	74.2	77.5	90.5
Percent Unemployed	3.3%	3.8%	4.8%	6.7%	7.1%	8.9%	5.1%	5.3%	6.1%
Total Employment ++	58,800	58,500	57,700	147,900	148,700	147,700	1,375.8	1,380.2	1,391.1
	EL PASO			FORT WORTH-ARLINGTON			GALVESTON-TEXAS CITY		
Total Civilian Labor Force	253,900	255,300	255,600	736,200	739,700	747,500	111,600	113,000	114,000
Total Unemployment	26,000	27,300	27,300	36,600	39,900	47,400	7,600	8,200	8,500
Percent Unemployed	10.2%	10.7%	10.7%	5.0%	5.4%	6.3%	6.8%	7.3%	7.5%
Total Employment ++	227,900	228,000	228,300	699,600	699,800	700,100	104,000	104,800	105,500
	HOUSTON***			KILLEEN-TEMPLE			LAREDO		
Total Civilian Labor Force	1,718.3	1,729.1	1,727.9	99,600	100,600	99,900	52,900	53,500	52,500
Total Unemployment	90.5	95.1	110.9	6,700	7,000	7,600	4,600	5,100	5,800
Percent Unemployed	5.3%	5.5%	6.4%	6.7%	7.0%	7.6%	8.7%	9.5%	11.0%
Total Employment ++	1,627.8	1,634.0	1,617.0	92,900	93,600	92,300	48,300	48,400	46,700
	LONGVIEW-MARSHALL			LUBBOCK			MCALLEN-EDINBURG-MISSION		
Total Civilian Labor Force	80,800	81,200	82,500	115,900	115,900	116,300	152,800	155,800	155,000
Total Unemployment	5,400	5,800	7,300	6,000	6,300	6,600	24,300	25,300	27,400
Percent Unemployed	6.7%	7.1%	8.8%	5.2%	5.4%	5.7%	15.9%	16.2%	17.7%
Total Employment ++	75,400	75,400	75,200	109,900	109,600	109,700	128,500	130,500	127,600
	MIDLAND			ODESSA			SAN ANGELO		
Total Civilian Labor Force	49,200	49,800	50,600	51,100	51,400	53,700	43,600	44,500	46,100
Total Unemployment	2,700	2,900	3,400	3,000	3,400	5,000	2,400	2,700	2,800
Percent Unemployed	5.5%	5.8%	6.7%	5.9%	6.6%	9.3%	5.5%	6.1%	6.1%
Total Employment ++	46,500	46,900	47,200	48,100	48,000	48,700	41,200	41,800	43,300
	SAN ANTONIO			SHERMAN-DENISON			TEXARKANA		
Total Civilian Labor Force	608,600	615,000	626,700	46,600	47,000	48,200	57,000	57,600	58,900
Total Unemployment	42,400	45,200	49,700	2,400	2,500	2,800	3,300	3,900	4,300
Percent Unemployed	7.0%	7.3%	7.9%	5.2%	5.3%	5.8%	5.8%	6.8%	7.3%
Total Employment ++	566,200	569,800	577,000	44,200	44,500	45,400	53,700	53,700	54,600
	TYLER			VICTORIA			WACO		
Total Civilian Labor Force	75,400	75,700	77,300	36,400	36,900	36,800	93,000	94,100	96,000
Total Unemployment	4,800	4,800	5,800	1,800	2,000	2,400	5,600	6,000	6,500
Percent Unemployed	6.4%	6.3%	7.5%	4.9%	5.4%	6.5%	6.0%	6.4%	6.8%
Total Employment ++	70,600	70,900	71,500	34,600	34,900	34,400	87,400	88,100	89,500
	WICHITA FALLS						STATE OF TEXAS***		
Total Civilian Labor Force	55,800	56,300	58,100				8,458.7	8,527.9	8,620.7
Total Unemployment	3,400	3,600	3,800				500.9	537.6	621.8
Percent Unemployed	6.1%	6.4%	6.5%				5.9%	6.3%	7.2%
Total Employment ++	52,400	52,700	54,300				7,957.8	7,990.3	7,998.9

+ All estimates shown are "actual" (not seasonally adjusted). ++ Total employment includes resident wage and salary workers, self-employed, unpaid family workers and domestics in private households, agricultural workers, and workers involved in labor-management disputes.
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by 1,500 over the month, mostly in General Merchandise Stores.

Transportation and Public Utilities rose by 1,300 jobs to a total of 420,600. A seasonal gain in Transportation by Air was the cause for this increase.

Mining registered an increase of 700 from July, most of which occurred in Oil and Gas Extraction, which was up by 600 over the month.

Finance, Insurance and Real Estate increased by 300, found mostly in Insurance Carriers, Agents and Brokers. Compared to a year ago, F.I.R.E. was up by 400.

Although **Services**, overall, fell by 2,400 jobs, that same figure was found as an increase in Health Services. With expansion of some extended care facilities, Nursing and Personal Care Facilities showed a sharp increase. Hospitals, Medical and Dental Labs and Other Health and Allied Services also showed increases due to a general upswing in health-related business. Decreases in Services occurred in Amusement, including Motion Pictures, down by 1,200 and in Other Services and Miscellaneous, down by 3,300 over the month. Smaller decreases were found in Hotels and Other Lodging Places, Personal Services and Business and Repair Services, all down by 200, and in Engineering and Management Services, down by 500. With preparations ongoing for the fall semester, the seasonal increase in educational staffing was indicated by an increase of 800 in Educational Services.

Government showed a loss of 1,700 over the month, although the current figure of 1,217,500 total jobs was up 32,600 from August 1989. Local Government showed the largest over-the-month loss, down by 1,600, as auxiliary workers received a break from summer school before the fall semester began.

Manufacturing jobs totaled 966,300, up by 3,000 from July, but down by 6,300 over the year. The largest monthly increase of 2,200 was found in **Nondurable Goods**. Food and Kindred Products was up by 1,600 due to seasonal hiring in Preserved Fruits and Vegetables. Smaller increases were found in Apparel and Other Finished Textile Products, Petroleum and Coal Products and in Leather and Leather Products. The only losses in Nondurables were in Printing and Publishing (Newspaper, Periodicals, Books and Miscellaneous), down by 200, and in Rubber and Miscellaneous Plastics Products, down by 100.

Durable Goods increased by 800 over the month, although the 551,700 total was down by 6,300 over the year. The largest increase in August occurred in Transportation Equipment, as recalls in Motor Vehicles and Equipment and Aircraft and Parts led to an increase of 1,700. An increase of 500 was found in Fabricated Metal Industries, while smaller increases of 100 each were found in Lumber and Wood Products (Logging Camps,

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TEXAS NONAGRICULTURAL WAGE AND SALARY EMPLOYMENT +

	Aug. '90*	July '90**	Aug. '89**	Chg. from July '90	Chg. from Aug. '89
TOTAL NONAGRICULTURAL EMPLOYMENT	6,936,300	6,930,300	6,803,500	6,000	132,800
MANUFACTURING	966,300	963,300	972,600	3,000	-6,300
Durable Goods	551,700	550,900	558,000	800	-6,300
Lumber & Wood Products	30,600	30,600	30,300	0	300
Logging Camps, Sawmills, Planing Mills	7,000	6,900	6,800	100	200
Furniture & Fixtures	16,200	16,100	16,100	100	100
Stone, Clay & Glass Products	35,300	35,400	37,000	-100	-1,700
Concrete, Gypsum & Plaster Prod.	14,700	14,800	16,400	-100	-1,700
Primary Metal Industries	29,400	29,200	29,600	200	-200
Fabricated Metal Industries	78,600	78,100	77,300	500	1,300
Fabr. Structructural Metal Prod.	38,100	37,600	36,900	500	1,200
Industrial Machinery & Equipment	107,900	108,600	107,100	-700	800
Oil & Gas Field Machinery	24,200	24,200	23,300	0	900
Electronic & Other Electrical Equipment	103,900	104,600	107,200	-700	-3,300
Transportation Equipment	97,800	96,100	100,600	1,700	-2,800
Aircraft & Parts	70,300	69,500	72,200	800	-1,900
Instruments & Related Prod.	36,400	36,600	37,100	-200	-700
Misc. Manufacturing Industries	15,600	15,600	15,700	0	-100
Nondurable Goods	414,600	412,400	414,600	2,200	0
Food & Kindred Products	98,300	96,700	97,600	1,600	700
Meat Products	29,400	29,400	29,500	0	-100
Dairy Products	4,200	4,200	4,300	0	-100
Bakery Products	9,800	9,800	10,100	0	-300
Malt Beverages	3,200	3,200	3,100	0	100
Textile Mill Products	3,700	3,700	4,000	0	-300
Apparel & Oth. Fin. Textile Prod.	53,300	53,100	57,000	200	-3,700
Paper & Allied Products	24,600	24,600	24,800	0	-200
Printing & Publishing	72,700	72,700	72,800	0	-100
Newspaper, Periodicals, Books & Misc.	34,600	34,800	34,700	-200	-100
Chemicals & Allied Products	84,600	84,500	80,900	100	3,700
Petroleum & Coal Products	29,700	29,500	28,500	200	1,200
Petroleum Refining	26,400	26,200	25,400	200	1,000
Rubber & Misc. Plastics Products	40,500	40,600	41,200	-100	-700
Leather & Leather Products	7,100	7,000	7,700	100	-600
TOTAL NONMANUFACTURING	5,970,000	5,967,000	5,830,900	3,000	139,100
Mining	180,500	179,800	174,400	700	6,100
Metal & Coal & Nonmet. Mnrls., exc. Fuel	9,800	9,700	9,800	100	0
Oil & Gas Extraction	170,700	170,100	164,600	600	6,100
Construction	330,700	327,800	320,500	2,900	10,200
Transportation & Public Utilities	420,600	419,300	403,800	1,300	16,800
Railroad Transportation	18,700	18,700	20,000	0	-1,300
Other Transportation	237,100	235,800	222,600	1,300	14,500
Transportation by Air	76,600	74,800	68,700	1,800	7,900
Communications	87,000	87,100	84,300	-100	2,700
Electric, Gas & Sanitary Services	77,800	77,700	76,900	100	900
Electric Services	40,900	40,900	41,000	0	-100
Gas Production & Distribution	27,600	27,500	27,400	100	200
Wholesale & Retail Trade	1,714,100	1,712,200	1,694,800	1 900	19,300
Wholesale Trade	429,300	428,900	427,600	400	1,700
Retail Trade	1,284,800	1,283,300	1,267,200	1,500	17,600
Building Materials & Garden Supplies	43,400	43,400	42,700	0	700
General Merchandise Stores	176,900	175,400	176,300	1,500	600
Food Stores	225,000	224,500	225,200	500	-200
Automotive Dealers & Service Stations	137,200	137,100	137,900	100	-700
Apparel & Accessory Stores	83,300	83,100	84,600	200	-1,300
Eating & Drinking Places	437,000	437,900	421,900	-900	15,100
Other Retail Trade	182,000	181,900	178,600	100	3,400
Finance, Ins. & Real Estate	434,000	433,700	433,600	300	400
Depository Insts., incl. Banks	133,400	133,500	134,500	-100	-1,100
Insurance Carriers, Agents & Brokers	142,300	142,000	139,900	300	2,400
Other Finance, Insurance & Real Estate	158,300	158,200	159,200	100	-900
Services	1,672,600	1,675,000	1,618,900	-2,400	53,700
Hotels & Other Lodging Places	85,900	86,100	86,200	-200	-300
Personal Services	79,500	79,700	76,200	-200	3,300
Business & Repair Services	417,900	418,100	411,000	-200	6,900
Amusement, including Motion Pictures	77,600	78,800	78,100	-1,200	500
Health Services	470,200	467,800	449,200	2,400	21,000
Educational Services	78,000	77,200	72,200	800	5,800
Engineering & Mgmt. Services	150,500	151,000	141,600	500	8,900
Other Services & Miscellaneous	313,000	316,300	304,400	-3,300	8,600
Total Government	1,217,500	1,219,200	1,184,900	-1,700	32,600
Federal Government	214,800	214,400	203,000	400	11,800
State Government	254,200	254,700	237,500	-500	16,700
Local Government	748,500	750,100	744,400	-1,600	4,100

+ Number of nonagricultural jobs in Texas without reference to place of residence of workers. Estimates of TEC in cooperation with Bureau of Labor Statistics, U. S. Department of Labor.

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NONAGRICULTURAL WAGE AND SALARY EMPLOYMENT +
TEXAS METROPOLITAN STATISTICAL AREAS

Industry	Aug.'90*	July '90**	Aug.'89**	Aug.'90*	July '90**	Aug.'89**	Aug.'90*	July '90**	Aug.'89**	Aug.'90*	July '90**	Aug.'89**
	ABILENE			AMARILLO			AUSTIN			BEAUMONT-PORT ARTHUR		
TOTAL	47,600	47,600	47,400	76,900	76,900	76,300	361,900	361,100	355,900	139,200	139,200	134,700
Manufacturing	4,400	4,500	4,800	8,500	8,700	8,800	45,800	45,600	44,800	25,100	25,100	24,700
Mining	1,400	1,500	1,500	1,000	1,100	1,300	600	600	700	1,700	1,700	1,500
Construction	1,600	1,600	1,500	3,700	3,600	3,700	11,300	11,200	11,400	10,800	10,700	10,000
Trans., Comm. & Util.	2,700	2,700	2,600	5,700	5,500	5,700	11,200	11,200	11,300	9,600	9,700	9,500
Trade	13,300	13,200	13,200	22,100	21,900	22,200	77,900	78,000	78,900	32,800	32,900	32,600
Fin., Ins., & Rl. Est.	2,200	2,200	2,300	3,900	3,900	4,000	24,000	24,000	23,900	5,400	5,400	5,300
Services & Misc.	13,600	13,500	13,200	17,800	17,900	17,400	94,200	94,100	92,000	33,700	33,400	31,600
Government	8,400	8,400	8,300	14,200	14,300	13,200	96,900	96,400	92,900	20,100	20,300	19,500
	BRAZORIA			BROWNSVILLE-HARLINGEN			BRYAN-COLLEGE STATION			CORPUS CHRISTI		
TOTAL	64,800	64,800	61,900	75,500	76,100	72,500	52,200	51,600	49,800	129,500	130,000	126,900
Manufacturing	16,500	16,500	16,100	10,900	10,800	10,800	3,800	3,800	3,800	11,900	12,000	11,600
Mining	2,100	2,100	2,100	—	—	—	500	500	500	3,400	3,400	3,400
Construction	9,600	9,600	8,200	2,200	2,200	2,200	1,800	1,700	1,700	10,000	10,400	9,300
Trans., Comm. & Util.	2,600	2,600	2,500	3,400	3,300	3,200	1,500	1,500	1,300	6,600	6,600	6,900
Trade	12,000	11,900	11,600	20,500	20,400	19,800	11,600	11,200	11,400	32,100	32,200	32,500
Fin., Ins., & Rl. Est.	1,800	1,800	1,800	3,800	3,800	3,700	1,800	1,700	1,700	6,300	6,200	6,300
Services & Misc.	9,100	9,200	8,900	17,500	18,300	16,700	9,500	9,500	9,200	30,500	30,600	29,800
Government	11,100	11,100	10,700	17,200	17,300	16,100	21,700	21,700	20,200	28,700	28,600	27,100
	DALLAS ***			EL PASO			FORT WORTH-ARLINGTON			GALVESTON-TEXAS CITY		
TOTAL	1,364.2	1,362.5	1,344.9	207,000	206,100	201,700	579,800	577,800	565,700	75,900	76,400	75,400
Manufacturing	221.6	221.8	224.3	41,500	40,700	42,200	118,600	117,300	120,600	8,600	8,800	8,900
Mining	17.6	17.5	17.5	—	—	—	4,000	4,000	3,900	600	600	500
Construction	46.9	46.6	48.4	8,200	8,200	8,400	21,500	21,400	21,800	6,200	6,300	6,200
Trans., Comm. & Util.	80.5	80.4	78.6	10,700	10,900	10,300	56,200	56,100	52,600	5,300	5,400	4,800
Trade	360.2	358.3	347.6	53,300	52,900	51,600	147,300	146,500	146,000	14,500	14,400	14,400
Fin., Ins., & Rl. Est.	126.8	126.6	130.5	8,300	8,500	8,500	28,000	27,800	28,200	4,600	4,700	4,500
Services & Misc.	351.4	351.6	349.9	43,100	43,200	41,900	129,800	130,200	125,100	14,400	14,300	14,100
Government	157.2	157.7	148.1	41,900	41,700	38,800	74,400	74,500	67,500	21,700	21,900	22,000
	HOUSTON ***			KILLEEN-TEMPLE			LAREDO			LONGVIEW-MARSHALL		
TOTAL	1,556.2	1,556.6	1,506.0	74,100	74,300	73,300	44,400	44,100	41,800	69,000	68,800	66,900
Manufacturing	165.9	165.5	163.3	8,800	8,800	8,700	1,800	1,800	1,700	16,300	16,400	16,000
Mining	70.1	69.1	65.8	—	—	—	1,700	1,700	1,600	3,500	3,500	3,500
Construction	103.4	101.2	97.8	3,200	3,200	3,400	1,300	1,200	1,300	3,800	3,700	3,000
Trans., Comm. & Util.	107.5	107.6	106.9	2,600	2,600	2,700	6,100	6,100	5,800	3,400	3,400	3,300
Trade	375.0	375.5	369.7	16,800	16,800	16,800	14,300	14,100	13,600	17,100	16,900	17,100
Fin., Ins., & Rl. Est.	102.8	102.7	101.7	3,200	3,300	3,100	1,900	1,900	1,800	2,600	2,700	2,700
Services & Misc.	433.8	436.9	415.4	17,500	17,500	17,300	7,400	7,400	7,000	13,800	13,700	13,000
Government	197.7	198.1	185.6	22,000	22,100	21,300	9,900	9,900	9,000	8,500	8,500	8,300
	LUBBOCK			MCALLEN-EDINBURG-MISSION			MIDLAND			ODESSA		
TOTAL	96,700	96,100	94,100	97,500	98,300	94,200	44,700	44,800	43,900	42,700	42,500	42,400
Manufacturing	7,200	7,200	7,400	12,600	12,500	13,100	2,300	2,300	2,400	4,200	4,200	4,100
Mining	200	200	300	900	900	900	8,500	8,600	8,700	4,900	4,800	5,200
Construction	3,400	3,500	3,200	4,600	4,500	4,200	1,500	1,400	1,400	2,100	2,100	2,100
Trans., Comm. & Util.	5,500	5,500	4,900	2,900	2,900	3,100	2,300	2,300	2,300	1,900	1,900	1,900
Trade	28,200	28,300	27,400	30,900	31,200	29,400	11,100	11,100	10,700	12,800	12,800	12,500
Fin., Ins., & Rl. Est.	5,400	5,400	5,500	4,400	4,400	4,100	2,400	2,400	2,400	1,500	1,500	1,600
Services & Misc.	23,900	23,700	23,600	16,600	16,600	15,800	9,800	9,800	9,500	7,800	7,800	7,600
Government	22,900	22,300	21,800	24,600	25,300	23,600	6,800	6,900	6,500	7,500	7,400	7,400
	SAN ANGELO			SAN ANTONIO			SHERMAN-DENISON			TEXARKANA		
TOTAL	35,600	35,700	36,200	511,400	513,000	508,500	36,500	36,500	36,700	46,200	46,200	46,100
Manufacturing	5,000	5,000	5,400	45,700	46,300	48,800	10,900	10,900	11,100	7,100	7,100	7,200
Mining	600	600	500	2,200	2,200	2,200	—	—	—	100	100	100
Construction	1,100	1,100	1,200	21,500	21,400	21,800	1,700	1,700	1,700	1,500	1,500	1,600
Trans., Comm. & Util.	2,500	2,500	2,800	19,600	19,900	19,700	1,300	1,300	1,600	2,400	2,400	2,300
Trade	8,800	8,800	9,200	133,300	132,800	130,800	8,200	8,100	8,100	10,900	10,900	11,000
Fin., Ins., & Rl. Est.	1,700	1,600	1,700	40,600	40,500	40,900	1,900	1,900	1,900	1,800	1,800	1,800
Services & Misc.	8,800	8,800	8,700	134,800	135,300	132,800	8,400	8,500	8,300	11,100	11,100	10,500
Government	7,100	7,300	6,700	113,700	114,600	111,500	4,100	4,100	4,000	11,300	11,300	11,600
	TYLER			VICTORIA			WACO			WICHITA FALLS		
TOTAL	61,600	62,100	60,800	28,200	28,200	27,300	80,100	80,300	79,700	49,800	49,900	50,300
Manufacturing	10,900	11,000	10,600	3,100	3,100	3,000	15,700	15,700	15,600	8,000	8,000	8,500
Mining	1,600	1,600	1,700	1,500	1,500	1,300	—	—	—	1,400	1,400	1,500
Construction	1,800	1,700	1,700	1,900	2,000	1,600	3,200	3,200	3,000	1,600	1,600	1,600
Trans., Comm. & Util.	2,800	2,800	2,800	1,300	1,300	1,300	3,500	3,500	3,400	2,600	2,600	2,500
Trade	16,300	16,400	16,300	7,900	7,700	7,600	18,800	18,800	18,600	11,800	11,800	11,800
Fin., Ins., & Rl. Est.	3,300	3,500	3,400	1,500	1,500	1,500	5,100	5,100	5,100	2,300	2,300	2,300
Services & Misc.	15,500	15,500	15,200	5,800	5,800	6,000	22,100	22,000	21,500	12,600	12,600	12,600
Government	9,400	9,600	9,100	5,200	5,300	5,000	11,700	12,000	12,500	9,500	9,600	9,500

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HOURS AND EARNINGS IN TEXAS ✣

	AVERAGE WEEKLY EARNINGS			AVERAGE WEEKLY HOURS			AVERAGE HOURLY EARNINGS		
	AUG.'90*	JULY'90	AUG.'89	AUG.'90*	JULY'90	AUG.'89	AUG.'90*	JULY'90	AUG.'89
	FOR TEXAS								
MANUFACTURING TOTAL	$ 440.99	$ 437.37	$ 427.84	41.8	41.3	41.7	$ 10.55	$10.59	$10.26
Durable Goods	436.18	425.58	431.34	41.9	41.0	42.0	10.41	10.38	10.27
Lumber & Wood Products	319.92	312.28	314.03	43.0	42.2	42.9	7.44	7.40	7.32
Furniture & Fixtures	286.71	269.19	280.76	40.9	38.9	39.6	7.01	6.92	7.09
Stone, Clay & Glass Products	417.42	419.87	409.49	42.9	42.8	42.7	9.73	9.81	9.59
Primary Metal Industries	505.76	503.18	450.72	43.6	44.1	40.9	11.60	11.41	11.02
Fabricated Metal Products	402.80	397.42	386.91	42.4	42.1	42.8	9.50	9.44	9.04
Machinery, exc. Electric	430.86	423.91	413.17	42.2	40.8	41.4	10.21	10.39	9.98
Oil Field Machinery	523.48	520.05	497.36	46.0	45.9	43.4	11.38	11.33	11.46
Electric & Electronic Equip.	469.90	458.22	504.42	40.3	39.4	42.0	11.66	11.63	12.01
Transportation Equipment	563.78	540.68	569.83	41.7	40.5	43.3	13.52	13.35	13.16
Instruments & Related Prod.	419.38	402.19	398.29	41.4	39.9	40.6	10.13	10.08	9.81
Misc. Manufacturing Inds.	296.60	279.37	278.98	39.6	37.2	37.7	7.49	7.51	7.40
Nondurable Goods	447.02	451.19	424.76	41.7	41.7	41.4	10.72	10.82	10.26
Food & Kindred Products	368.05	361.24	354.86	43.3	42.3	42.6	8.50	8.54	8.33
Meat Products	287.97	282.74	273.07	43.5	43.1	41.5	6.62	6.56	6.58
Malt Beverages	835.36	882.53	822.57	44.6	46.4	44.9	18.73	19.02	18.32
Textile Mill Products	338.84	317.18	320.78	43.0	41.3	43.0	7.88	7.68	7.46
Apparel & Other Text. Prods.	212.41	211.12	203.68	37.2	37.7	38.0	5.71	5.60	5.36
Paper & Allied Products	487.46	489.34	492.80	43.1	43.0	44.0	11.31	11.38	11.20
Printing & Publishing	432.39	419.60	406.50	40.6	40.0	39.2	10.65	10.49	10.37
Chemicals & Allied Products	695.84	717.44	683.52	42.9	43.8	42.8	16.22	16.38	15.97
Petroleum & Coal Products	739.28	790.94	690.64	43.9	46.2	43.3	16.84	17.12	15.95
Petroleum Refining	765.62	822.67	716.69	43.7	46.4	43.2	17.52	17.73	16.59
Rubber & Misc. Plastic Products	394.57	396.15	367.28	42.2	41.7	41.5	9.35	9.50	8.85
Leather & Leather Products	255.19	252.98	236.61	39.2	39.1	39.5	6.51	6.47	5.99
NONMANUFACTURING									
Mining	614.72	619.24	512.62	45.2	45.2	39.8	13.60	13.70	12.88
Met/Coal/Nonmet Mnrls. exc. Fuel	618.12	588.64	561.93	51.0	49.8	47.5	12.12	11.82	11.83
Oil & Gas Extraction	614.66	621.42	508.82	44.8	44.9	39.2	13.72	13.84	12.98
Communications	541.78	550.44	509.04	41.2	41.7	40.4	13.15	13.20	12.60
Elec., Gas & San. Services	558.78	571.43	511.71	42.3	42.9	41.3	13.21	13.32	12.39
Wholesale & Retail Trade	242.22	245.82	238.98	33.0	33.4	33.1	7.34	7.36	7.22
Wholesale Trade	413.70	422.68	413.82	39.4	39.8	39.6	10.50	10.62	10.45
Retail Trade	190.64	192.17	185.67	31.1	31.4	31.1	6.13	6.12	5.97
General Merchandise Stores	187.57	194.04	183.00	30.4	31.5	30.0	6.17	6.16	6.10
Depository Inst. inc. Banks	282.30	306.15	279.00	36.1	39.0	37.2	7.82	7.85	7.50

HOURS AND EARNINGS FOR SELECTED TEXAS METROPOLITAN STATISTICAL AREAS

DALLAS									
Manufacturing	$ 451.34	$ 437.00	$ 443.70	42.3	41.5	42.5	$ 10.67	$ 10.53	$ 10.44
Durable Goods	478.13	457.88	482.85	42.5	41.4	43.5	11.25	11.06	11.10
Nondurable Goods	405.17	400.61	375.25	41.9	41.6	40.7	9.67	9.63	9.22
FORT WORTH-ARLINGTON									
Manufacturing	468.03	454.58	450.59	41.2	40.3	41.0	11.36	11.28	10.99
Durable Goods	494.56	475.07	472.56	41.7	40.5	41.2	11.86	11.73	11.47
Nondurable Goods	407.02	406.76	397.76	40.1	39.8	40.3	10.15	10.22	9.87
HOUSTON									
Manufacturing	531.91	534.26	510.26	44.4	43.9	43.5	11.98	12.17	11.73
Durable Goods	459.90	452.17	432.19	45.0	43.9	43.7	10.22	10.30	9.89
Nondurable Goods	619.23	633.04	607.93	43.7	43.9	43.3	14.17	14.42	14.04
SAN ANTONIO									
Manufacturing	313.22	317.95	302.65	39.9	40.4	40.3	7.85	7.87	7.51
Durable Goods	336.40	337.05	338.25	40.0	39.7	41.0	8.41	8.49	8.25
Nondurable Goods	289.74	298.39	268.88	39.8	41.1	39.6	7.28	7.26	6.79

✣Figures for Texas and selected areas cover Production Workers in Manufacturing and Mining Industries only and Nonsupervisory Employees in other industry divisions. Earnings averages include premium pay for overtime, holidays, and for late-shift work. *Preliminary — subject to revision upon receipt of additional reports.

Sawmills, Planing Mills) and in Furniture and Fixtures. Primary Metal Industries were up by 200. The largest losses in Durables were in Industrial Machinery and Equipment and in Electronic and Other Electrical Equipment, both down by 700 jobs. A plant closing in Electronic and Other Electrical Equipment accounted for one-half of the downturn. Instruments and Related Products registered a loss of 200, while Stone, Clay and Glass Products lost 100.

Average Weekly Earnings Increase

For the estimated 628,200 Texas Manufacturing Production Workers, Average Hourly Earnings decreased by four cents from July to August 1990. Average Weekly Hours were up by five-tenths of an hour, as Average Weekly Earnings increased by $3.62 over the month. This was $13.15 above the August 1989 level of $427.84 per week.

In mid-August a worker, on average, was earning $10.55 per hour for a 41.8-hour week, and making $440.99 in weekly earnings. This compared with $10.59 per hour for a 41.3-hour week, at $437.37 in Average Weekly Earnings one month ago. The year-ago figures were $10.26 per hour for a 41.7-hour week, with $427.84 in Average Weekly Earnings.

Average Weekly Earnings in Durable Goods increased by $10.60 over the month. Compared to one year ago, the increase was $4.84. The largest gain in Durables was in Transportation Equipment, which was up by $23.10 over the month. Other significant gains were found in Miscellaneous Manufacturing Industries, Instruments and Related Products and in Furniture and Fixtures, all with increases of at least $17.00. Electric and Electronic Equipment rose by $11.68. Lumber and Wood Products showed an increase of $7.64 from July to August. The only loss in Durables was small and was found in Stone, Clay and Glass Products, down by $2.45.

Weekly earnings in Nondurable Goods decreased by $4.17. The largest losses in Nondurables were registered in Petroleum and Coal Products (down by $51.66), which includes Petroleum Refining (down by $57.05) and in Malt Beverages (part of Food and Kindred Products), down by $47.17. Chemicals and Allied Products were down by $21.60. Smaller losses occurred in Paper and Allied Products and in Rubber and Miscellaneous Plastic Products.

The largest gains in Average Weekly Earnings in Nondurables were in Textile Mill Products, up by $21.66 per week, and in Printing and Publishing, up by $12.79 per week. Other increases were seen in Food and Kindred Products, up by $6.81, of which Meat Products provided $5.23 of the gain.

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	Aug.'90	Aug.'89
Total Population	17,157,800*	17,003,900*
% UI Covered Unemployment	1.5	1.5
UI Covered Employers	315,093	309,550
Total Claims Actions	551,092	570,492
Total Initial Claims Actions	63,850	62,551
Total Cont'd. Claims Actions	487,242	507,941
Total Placements	34,991	38,615
Avg. Weekly Benefit Amount	$156.08	$153.54
Total Amount Paid (Net)**	$62,123,485	$63,357,573

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